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Good for the Cause.

In the exercise of judgment which will evoke general congratulations the members of the United States Employes' Retirement Association last night disbanded in favor of uniting their strength individually with that of the older United States Civil Service Retirement Association. The effect of that action is to unify both the purpose and the influence of the whole body of clerks, and thus to enhance greatly the prospect of ultimate success.

A committee of the new association submitted last night a summary of the work done by the old. It is well worth reading. It indicated:

"That officers had been elected, dues collected, a resolution introduced in Congress calling upon the departments for information, statistics prepared with the President's approval, and within certain limits, actuaries in New York employed to draw up a scheme of assessment benefits, and that a bill would be introduced in Congress which would embody the best results of the work done. In all, \$5,884 was received and \$4,719 spent by the association."

This evidently is the work of no idlers. It is the seal of a purpose to approach Congress with a reasonable, practical, and concrete plan, re-enforced by competent judgment. Another course might succeed. But this is certain to succeed, as certain as anything can be certain with Congress.

Accordingly the members of the new association have achieved a double advantage by disbanding. They have not only prevented a division of their forces, but they have put themselves on the side of careful preparation and business-like methods. What they have yet to do is this:

They must ascertain conclusively the views of the President, a Civil Service man tried and proven, whose support is essential to the very life of the movement. On the basis of his judgment and their own they must draft legislation which will provide for Governmental indorsement and Governmental supervision, for in no other way can the association be genuinely stable. And they must make such provision for the funds required to fulfill the objects of this proposed legislation as will silence, from the very outset, all talk in Congress of "civil pension lists" and "bureaucratic successions."

Back-Action Praise.

Whatever else may be ascribed to a certain element of the American body politic, modesty cannot. Serious men—bankers, merchants, even clergymen—preaching the doctrine of humility, and, worse than all the others, the so-called "leaders" of so-called "society"—apparently think nothing of paying for praise in publications manifestly and shamelessly conceived for the purpose of charging for praise.

A particularly notable instance of this brazen self-love came to light in Washington several years ago. Not puffed-up members of Congress alone, or women insane on the subject of social "distinction," but men of great minds paid tribute to be included in a book which should bear the title "Hands That Shape Empires" or some other such folderol. That volume never appeared. But other volumes quite as ridiculous have appeared locally, to the ultimate chagrin and humiliation of every man who gave the earnings of a serious brain for cheap flattery at the special rate of a dollar a line.

Sharks and confidence men are not the only publishers of such books. The United States Government occasionally goes into that business—as in a certain bulletin issued not long since on the benefactors of education. The Congressional Record, here and there, is a melancholy joke as the reader notes the little vanity and small potatoes conceit of men who have been elected to represent the dignity and power of great commonwealths. Columns of space in this week's newspapers are revealing the susceptibility of "great" families to this same kind of flattery.

Invariably the subjects of these paeans are discovered in their conceit. Always the public, which was to be so deeply impressed, detects and condemns the vainglory behind. But the most remarkable instance of this back-action, self-ejecting, automatic reversing praise has just come to light. It is a feature of a publication issued by the Depew Literary Bureau, an institution of which the learned Senator from New York may not have been aware at all. Evidently its purpose was to impress the New York State Legislature with the imperative need for returning the doctor to the

Senate. And one of the strongest letters in it was written by the Hon. John H. Mitchell, of Oregon. "I take pleasure," that Senator wrote, "in saying that I regard Senator Chauncey M. Depew as one of the most valuable men in the Senate today. He has a very strong personality, is an accomplished speaker and debater, and a good worker. I served with him on the Judiciary Committee, where he is at all times a most important factor."

The Eastern Branch Slough.

It is within the memory of living men when European ships loaded to bacco from the wharf at Bladensburg. Not so many years ago seine hauling was a profitable business near Benning. Today the chief value of the once noble Anacostia river, or Eastern branch of the Potomac, is to be found in its crop of mosquitoes and its varied assortment of smells. It has become a disgusting slough.

That is a powerful commentary on the acts of Congress passed for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of this country which extends from Arsenal, or Greenleaf's Point, all the way up the Anacostia river. This commentary is found in the disease bearing form of a rivulet of dirty water between hundreds of acres of flats covered by luxuriant flags and grasses. Where once the river washed a silver strand there is now only a nasty, oozy, black and green quagmire of grease and filth. Every Congressman should be dipped in that vile pollution until something is done to purify it.

The condition of the Anacostia river within the District of Columbia is unspeakable at high tide; when the tide is low the horror and filth are beyond all words. No one can imagine, nor can any printable description detail, the utter abandonment of the Eastern branch to all that is unwholesome, disgusting, and vile. It must be seen to be appreciated.

The matter should be made a national one. The improvement of the surroundings of Washington is not a matter of real estate promotion, it is not solely a subject for local agitation; it is of immense importance to the health, comfort, and pride of every Government official, of the Congressmen themselves, of the visitors to the National Capital; to the residents of the District it is vital. The Eastern branch has been a disgrace to the nation for years; it is now not only a disgrace but a menace as well. Visitors to this city may see something of this slough of disgrace, and it should be the patriotic but unpleasant duty of every citizen of Washington to take all Congressmen, all visitors, all persons of public spirit to see what a pestilential stream we have.

One thing is certain; if the conditions which exist permanently in the Eastern branch were found within the boundaries of any private lands in the District of Columbia they would be abated as a nuisance. Ought the Government to be held to any lower standard of cleanliness and decency?

Why doesn't the Department of Agriculture establish a bureau to investigate the value of scapegoats in American politics?

It seems that the pension frauds also found a fertile field in the Equitable surplus. Next!

Fads and Fancies came high. The purchases didn't want it, but had to take it. Now the publishers don't want justice, but they will have to take it.

Many Congressmen are spending their vacations at the public expense—some out and some in jail.

John D. writes well if we can credit the gossip concerning the authorship of the recent account of Mr. Rockefeller in the bureau of education's Fads and Fancies Bulletin.

Malaria wouldn't be so bad if it would attack a man when he wants to loaf, but it never does.

The extra session of Congress will not assemble early enough to do much good and it will be late enough not to do much harm. It will be extra, all right, but it will only be Congress after all.

Said William to Nicholas, out on the sea, "If you'd always be right, why just follow me." Extend your activities, be cocky in tone. If you keep the world guessing, they'll let you alone.

You can't get ahead of Pennsylvania. While William whispered in Nicholas' ear, Emperor Pennypacker held a conference aboard the Schencksville with Czar Penrose.

It begins to look as if this whole Equitable muck was a fairy tale. The latest development is that Chairman Morton has cut his own salary. Maybe it was a stage salary in the first place.

One of the Philadelphia papers prints a headline: "Cotton Scandal Not All Out Yet." That suggests the old announcement of a country paper: "May Be Fatally Kicked by a Horse."

Boss Murphy has bought New York's biggest windmill. Is this a Depew retirement rumor?

SUCCESS.

I knocked at the gate of my lord, Success; I stormed his threshold with eager din; I loved him, the prize of my soul, no less. But he barred the gate lest I step within.

And after Love took my heart to mate, And we built us a home in the wilderness, A stranger is beating against our gate, Crying, "Let me in! It is I, Success!"

—Author Unknown.

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

WERE WEDDED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Society Interested in Dahlgren-Martin Nuptials.

GROOM IS POPULAR HERE

Well Known in Washington Social Circles; Also a Successful Lawyer and Club Man.

Washington society will be deeply interested in the recent marriage in San Francisco, just announced, of Mrs. Martin, widow of Henry McLean Martin, and daughter of the late Gen. David D. Colton, and John B. Dahlgren, of this city. The ceremony occurred in San Francisco on Monday evening, July 17, at 9 o'clock, in the St. Francis Hotel, where Mrs. Martin has apartments, and where Mr. Dahlgren arrived from Washington only a few days previously.

The ceremony was quite simple, neither bride nor bridegroom having any attendants. Only relatives were present, and after the ceremony the little party had a wedding supper served in the private dining room of the hotel. Among the guests were Miss Katherine Martin, daughter of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Grace, John F. Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barnett.

Mr. Dahlgren is a well-known lawyer of this city and a grandson of the late Admiral Dahlgren. He is a member of the Chevy Chase Club and a graduate of Lehigh University, class of 1889. The newly wedded Mr. Dahlgren is also known here socially, having spent several winters in Washington with his mother, the late Mrs. D. D. Colton, at her handsome home on Connecticut avenue, while Miss Martin was a pupil in the National Cathedral school.

It was during this residence that the bride first met Mr. Dahlgren. He subsequently became her legal adviser, and while they have been seen frequently together, it was not suspected even by their most intimate friends that there was any romance between them, largely because of the disparity in their ages. Mr. Dahlgren left Washington a little more than ten days ago, and on a business telegram, he told his friends, and they received no further communication from him, until the news of his wedding. The bride and groom expect to remain for several weeks in San Francisco, and will then return to Washington to reside.

Mrs. Dahlgren is in deep mourning for her mother, who died in this city three years ago. This was her third marriage, her first husband being the late Dana Cook, a wealthy miner of Bodie, Cal., and her second husband being Henry McLean Martin, who died about eight years ago. As Mrs. Martin she spent the most of her life in California, until seven years, when she has "traveled much, spending her time with her mother in this city and in Paris.

Invitations have been received here for the wedding of Miss Ursula Cotter Richard, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Asa Richard, of Lovettsville, Loudoun county, Va., and the Rev. William A. Wade, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Piedmont, W. Va.

Mrs. Douglas Robinson, sister of the President, and Miss Robinson have gone to Dark Harbor, Me., where a part of the summer will be spent.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh was again among the dinner hosts of last night. This is the second of the series of dinner parties which Mrs. Walsh will give throughout the Newport season.

Cardinal Gibbons is among the most popular visitors to Southampton, where he is making a three weeks' visit to the Catholic rectory.

Gen. Horace Porter is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt, at the latter's Newport villa.

Count von Beroldingen, of the Austrian legation, is a recent arrival at Newport, where he will remain throughout the season.

David Moore, of this city, who is spending his summer vacation at Ocean City, Md., distinguished himself the other day by saving the life of August Roeder, Jr., who fell overboard in the bay. Young Roeder is a son of the manager of the Atlantic Hotel there. He was rescued without difficulty.

Mrs. Baldwin, widow of Rear Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, U. S. N., gave a large reception for her granddaughter, Miss Ethel Deacon, and a young sister of Miss Gladys Deacon, at Newport, R. I.

Miss Mary Edna Noyes left the city Sunday night for a visit of several weeks with Mrs. William S. Kline, of Martinsburg, W. Va.

S. Martin French gave a smart stag dinner in his colonial villa, Barton Lodge, Hot Springs, Va., in honor of Admiral Dewey. Some of the invited guests were Gen. Walter F. Wood, Senator J. B. Foraker, and Admiral W. G. Buehler.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wellman and their daughters, Misses Rose, Rae, Rita and Rebecca, will leave the city this evening for Portsmouth, N. H. Mr. Wellman will remain there for the next two months, his family staying in and near Portsmouth during that time. Miss Rose Wellman recently returned from a long visit with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wellman in Madison, Wis. Miss Ruth Wellman, the eldest daughter of the family, is in the West, and will leave Nebraska this week for a visit to Colorado.

Guy G. Butler has returned to the city after a short stay in Berwyn, Md., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Miller.

Mrs. L. Z. Leiter, who has been in England with her daughters, the Countesses of Suffolk and Mrs. Colin Campbell, is now at Kissingen, Germany, where she is taking the waters for her health, which has been anything but good since the death of Mr. Leiter.

Mrs. Leiter will return to Washington after Major and Mrs. Campbell sail for India on October 25, where the major will join his regiment, Lady Curzon, the eldest daughter of Mrs. Leiter, who is the Viceroy of India, is in camp in the Himalaya mountains, near Simla, where the Viceroy is making his annual visit.

Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Stirling, have gone to Richmond Springs, N. Y., together with their daughter, Miss Nellie Stirling, they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor, at Bella Vista, where they will be joined later by Miss Margaret Stirling.



MRS. JOHN B. HENDERSON, SR.
One of Washington's Most Popular Society Women Who Is Now at Bar Harbor.

DIFFICULTY SETTLED BY MR. McCORMICK

Difference Between American Minister to Switzerland and French Ambassador to That Country Amicably Adjusted by United States Representative to France.

Robert S. McCormick, American ambassador to France, is gaining wide popularity at the French capital. Word comes from France that Mr. McCormick has satisfactorily adjusted a matter of some concern which brought about some constraint between the American minister to Switzerland and the French ambassador to the same country. A little misunderstanding, brought about by the alleged failure of the ambassador to return the minister's call, caused some embarrassment which Mr. McCormick, it seems, has diplomatically dispersed.

Gen. and Mrs. William F. Draper, who have been making a prolonged visit to Paris, have left the French capital for Germany, where they will spend several weeks.

Senator J. H. Gallinger and Mrs. Gallinger and Representative Frank D. Carr, of New Hampshire, accompanied the New Hampshire forestry commission on its annual trip through the White Mountain district, staying over Sunday in Bretton Woods.

Mrs. Hanna, widow of the distinguished statesman, is spending the summer quietly at Seal Harbor. Mrs. Hanna devotes her time to long drives or a sail, of both of which she is extremely fond. She will not participate in any of the social affairs at Seal Harbor.

Thomas F. Walsh, "of Newport," as the press dispatches are wont to say, gave an automobile party yesterday for his daughter, Miss Evelyn Walsh. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Gouverneur Kortright, and in addition to Miss Walsh it included Miss Pauline French, a debutante of last week; Vincent Walsh, George Rose and R. Nelson Buckley.

Miss Katherine Lee, of Washington, is the guest of the Misses Miller, of Norfolk.

Miss Isabel Calvin, of this city, is among the visitors to Atlantic City. Miss Calvin is registered at the Strand where she is the guest of Mrs. C. R. Dufferin.

Col. J. A. Saunders has been in Norfolk for a few days where he is being entertained by Dr. Harry L. Myers in Mawbray Arch.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Glenn have joined the large colony of Washingtonians at Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Washington are also enjoying the beauties of this popular seaside resort. They are all registered at the Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chiverton, accompanied by Nicole Guicconi, left Washington yesterday for an indefinite stay at Atlantic City.

Mrs. T. A. McKee, of Washington, has gone to Bretton Woods for her summer outing, and is now a guest at the Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Marie A. Parker has gone to join Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Simmons at the Wiltshire, Atlantic City.

Mrs. Eva Valesh, for four years associate editor of the American Federationist, the official organ of the American Federation of Labor, will sail on Wednesday from New York on the Baltic, to spend two months abroad. Mrs. Valesh is going primarily for her health, which her friends hope will be restored by the sea voyage. She is accompanied by her sister, Blanche, a member of the editorial staff of the Minneapolis Tribune. They will visit London, Paris, and points of interest in Switzerland.

SON OF NOTED ARTIST ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD
NEWPORT, R. I., July 25.—John LaFarge, Jr., son of John LaFarge, the noted artist, will be ordained to the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church at Innsbruck, Austria. He is a recent graduate of Harvard.

ELECTIONS UPLOD SERBIAN GOVERNMENT
BELGRADE, Serbia, July 25.—The elections to the Serbian Parliament yesterday resulted in an absolute majority for the government.

AMERICANS IN PARIS.
PARIS, July 25.—Among the Americans registered in Paris are: Elsie P. Booth, Chicago; Alexander Nelson Elmsor, Baltimore; L. O. Howard, Washington, D. C.; and C. D. West, Newport News, Va.

Coast of Venezuela Fortified by Castro

Large Guns of Modern Type Will Be Emplaced—Reported Efforts to Introduce Japanese Gunners.

CARACAS, Venezuela, July 25.—For some time President Castro has been perfecting the coast defenses of Venezuela and he has already many big guns of the most modern construction. He is now about to make a contract for the emplacement of many more large guns in the defenses along the coast. New field batteries of a modern type are contemplated.

Ball-Bearing Rifled Guns.
Most of these pieces are to be ball-bearing rifled guns, in which General Castro has shown a special interest, having already several in place. The results have given satisfaction. They have been found to give an average increase of forty per cent in velocity, penetration and range. Many old guns are to be equipped with the ball-bearing rifling, which renders them serviceable.

Venezuelan gunners are being constantly drilled and already show proficiency in target practice with the heavy guns. General Bello, who replaced the late General Castro during the late blockade in the action with the San Carlos fort, at the entrance to the Gulf of Maracaibo, has perfected the defenses all along the coast. A completely equipped ordnance plant and ammunition factory will soon be in operation near Valencia.

Japanese Colonists.
It is understood that Captain Cullen is arranging to introduce a colony of 2,000 Japanese into Venezuela. These are said to be mostly expert gunners and mechanics, whose services might be very valuable.

President Castro is believed to contemplate a visit to various of the South American republics to further his plan of a Latin-American understanding for mutual protection.

MRS. GRANT SARTORIS TOURS MAINE IN AUTO
Hero of Appomattox's Daughter With Big Party—Greets Veterans of Civil War.

NORWICH, Me., July 25.—Touring the State in an automobile of such strong construction that it finds no difficulty in traversing the many rough roads of the State are Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris and her daughter, of Washington, and several society women of Boston and Savannah.

Mrs. Sartoris is a daughter of Gen. U. S. Grant. She bears a striking resemblance to her distinguished father and in many of the Maine towns has been accosted by veterans of the civil war, who tell her how highly they regarded her father.

Mrs. Sartoris wins the friendship of all veterans by telling them that she considers it an honor to meet anyone who knew General Grant.

Mrs. Sartoris is making her first visit to Maine in many years. She arrived in Maine two weeks ago, and since then her only pastime has been automobile driving.

In company with E. H. Jones, of Chicago, Miss Harriet Peterson, and Mrs. C. N. Lord, of Boston; Miss Caroline Engle, of Savannah, and Miss Sartoris, Mrs. Sartoris has traveled about 1,500 miles, visiting many towns whose inhabitants never before saw an automobile.

AMERICAN TO CONSTRUCT STATUE OF HARCOURT
(Special Copyright Cable.)
LONDON, July 25.—Waldo Story, the American sculptor, has been commissioned to make the statue of the late Sir William Vernon Harcourt, which is to be erected in the lobby of the house of commons. This will be the first work of an American artist in the lobby.

BERLIN, July 25.—The Budapest correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt advises any man anxious to marry to go to Rankholme, a large village in the neighborhood of the Hungarian capital.

The whole male population of that and other villages in the neighborhood have emigrated to the United States. Only women and children are left.

So great is the lack of men that even the mayor and judges of the villages are women.

POLLARD; HE COURTED AND CANVASSED, TOO
OMAHA, July 25.—While campaigning the first district for votes, E. M. Pollard, now Congressman-elect, was also conducting an ardent suit for the hand of Miss Gertrude Waterman, a pretty young Omaha school teacher.

Miss Waterman went to Lincoln last winter to take a complete course at the University of Nebraska to fit herself for work in the high school.

Pollard was frequently in Lincoln, and met the attractive young teacher student. The suit progressed favorably, and early in the summer Miss Waterman wrote to a friend in Omaha: "I came down here to capture a degree of B. A., but it looks very much as though I am going to get an M. C. that is, if Democrats do not surprise everybody."

The Democrats did not, and Miss Waterman will get her M. C. at the home of her father in this city this evening.

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